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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH PRESSING GLOBAL
PROBLEMS - POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. AS A NORMAL PART OF OUR ACTIVITIES HERE, MY KEY OFFICERS AND I DISCUSS WITH SRI LANKAN LEADERS THE NEED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE PRESSING GLOBAL PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING RAPID POPULATION GROWTH AND INADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION. SINCE THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA IS TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING BY THEIR OWN EFFORTS, THE TENOR OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IS CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. ACCORDINGLY, MOST OF THE POINTS CONVEYED IN REFTEL ARE PART OF OUR DAILY BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THERE IS A UNITY OF VIEW AND PURPOSE BETWEEN US ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. I HAVE NO SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR PROGRAMS IN THE POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING AREA. SRI LANKA IS NOT DOING BADLY IN THIS RESPECT.

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3. SINCE NEARLY OUR ENTIRE AID PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTRY IS CONCERNED WITH FOOD PRODUCTION MY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS AREA ARE ALREADY A MATTER OF RECORD. AMONG THESE IS TO OBTAIN MORE FLEXIBILITY FROM THE CONGRESS TO PERMIT US TO FUND INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS NEEDED FOR FOOD PRODUCTION SUCH AS DAMS. SOMETIMES HELPING THE POOREST OF THE POOR CAN USEFULLY BE DONE BY SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY IN ONE PLACE. THIS IS TRUE

IN THIS COUNTRY.
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